

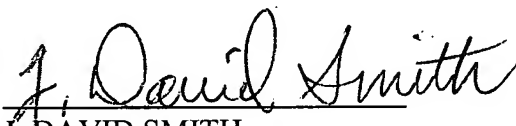
**REMARKS**

Claims 1-23 are pending in the present application. Herein, Applicants cancel claim 23 without prejudice as Applicants choose to pursue this subject matter in other related applications. Upon entry of the present Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-22 will be pending.

**Conclusion**

It is believed that all of the claims are in condition for allowance and early notification as such is solicited. If any issues may be resolved telephonically, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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